

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 14, 1908, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. May 14, 1908. My dear little Sandie:

Now don't begin to argue for little in the sense I am now using it has no reference to physical size, but to a certain quality of mind or feeling that appeals to one's sense of protecting sympathy that a little child naturally inspires when he has expressed some sentiment that touches you.

Well in this case the way in which you go on about your tetrahedral kite your determination that your own especial form shall be tried and not another, and about the head resistance bugbear touches me to the quick and I want to pat you and cuddle you as one would a little child and say of course darling you shall have things as you want them.

Seriously I quite agree with all you say. Keep your back up, and don't let any one persuade you against your better judgement. Certainly try, and with all my heart I hope that you will prove all right. You have had your way and carried your point too many times in the face of apparently unsurmountable obstacles to yield now or be dismayed.

I don't think it fair of you to take advantage of my absence to play all sorts of pranks with yourself staying up nights and eating all sorts of things you don't want me to get sick again and I am trying to be good and careful, well by the amount you want me to be careful judge of mine regarding you, and do as you would I did by you, Sandie dear.

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Elsie is mistaken about my editorial duties for as it happens I only began them today, it is the plans for the cottage I have been working on. Miss Cadell takes good care of me and

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is helping me finely and she has not asked me to stop anything so she is satisfied I am O.K.

Dinner is served so goodnight, my dear boy I do love you.

Your own, Mabel.